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In re Application of : Confirmation No.: 4033
Sunil K. Srivastava : Group Art Unit: 2131
Serial No.: 09/408,420 : Examiner: Syed Zia
Filed: September 29, 1999 :
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

There are no Drawings Amendments.

Specification Amendments, Claim Amendments, and Remarks are presented on separate sheets as indicated below:

- Amendments to the Specification begin at page 2.
- Amendments to the Claims begin at page 4.
- Remarks begin at page 27.

The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in light of the remarks after entry of the amendments.

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